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OAKHAM, MASS.:

I. W. MULLETT, PRINTER AND PUBLISHER,
1897.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1896.

TOWN CLERK,
JESSE ALLEN.

SELECTMEN,
C. H. PARKER, D. R. DEAN, H. P. AUSTIN.

ASSESSORS,
H. W. LINCOLN, S. H. BULLARD, WM. GAFFNEY.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
JESSE ALLEN, JAMES PACKARD, H. P. AUSTIN.

COLLECTOR,
WM. S. CRAWFORD.

TREASURER,
JESSE ALLEN.

CONSTABLES,
C. H. PARKER, W. S. CRAWFORD, C. S. CLIFFORD,
WILLIAM GAFFNEY.

AUDITOR,
F. S. CONANT.

FENCE VIEWERS,
JESSE ALLEN, L. N. HASKELL, A. C. BULLARD.

FIELD DRIVER,
C. S. CLIFFORD.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER,
WM. S. CRAWFORD, D. R. DEAN, R. F. PARKER.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK,
D. R. DEAN, W. S. CRAWFORD, EVANDER L. PARKER

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,
WILLIAM S. CRAWFORD.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
JESSE ALLEN, MRS. M. L. WOODIS, H. W. LINCOLN.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES,
JESSE ALLEN, MRS. M. L. WOODIS, F. E. DAVIS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WORCESTER—ss:

To William S. Crawford, or either of the Constables of the Town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the first day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE I.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. II.—To hear the annual report of the several town officers and act thereon,

ART. III.—To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, three Fence Viewers, six Constables and Auditor for one year. One School Committee, Library Trustee and Cemetary Committee for three years. Also, to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town," all on one ballot. Ballot to be folded as received, when presented for deposit in the ballot-box. The polls to be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

ART. IV.—To choose all necessary town Officers and Committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

ART. V.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

ART. VI.—To see if the town will borrow money to meet any liabilities of the town, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. VII.—To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. VIII.—To determine the manner of collecting Taxes the ensuing year.

ART. IX.—To see if the town will employ some person to take care of the town hall and ring the church bell, for the ensuing year or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. X.—To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads the ensuing year.

- ART. XI.—To see if the town will abate any taxes that may be presented for abatement.
- ART. XII.—To determine the manner of supporting paupers the year ensuing.
- ART. XIII.—To see if the town will provide for lighting the street lamps the ensuing year or pass any vote relative thereto.
- ART. XIV.—To see if the town will vote to have their valuation by the Assessors printed the ensuing year.
- ART. XV.—To see what compensation the town will allow their Treasurer and Collector.
- ART. XVI.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for the relief of poor and needy soldiers as required under Chap. 298, Sec. 1 and 2 of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1889.
- ART. XVII.—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to purchase and erect markers on graves of Revolutionary soldiers in this town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post Offices and one at the Congregational Meeting-house in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and nintey-seven.

C. H. PARKER,	} Selectmen of Oakham.
D. R. DEAN,	
H. P. AUSTIN	

APPROPRIATIONS.

ESTIMATED FOR 1897-98.

Contingent,	\$800 00
Discount on Taxes,	175 00
Paupers,	700 00
Street Lamps,	50 00
Salaries,	300 00
Schools,	1,200 00
Library,	50 00
Highways,	1000 00
Soldiers' Relief,	50 00
Opening Roads,	200 00
Repairs on School Houses,	25 00

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

We have the privilege of bringing before you the following Report for the year ending March 1st, 1897:

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Town Clerk for services,	\$31 60	
express on books,	5 20	
postage and stationery,	1 18	\$37 98

COLLECTOR.

Paid Collector for services,	75 00	
postage and stationery,	5 00	
Collector's book,	1 50	
Printing tax bills	1 00	82 50

TREASURER.

Paid Treasurer for services,	25 00
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SELECTMEN.

Paid Selectmen for services, C. H. Parker,	25 00	
D. R. Dean,	25 00	
H. P. Austin,	25 00	
postage, stationery,	2 31	77 31

ASSESSORS.

Paid Assessors for services, H. W. Lincoln,	33 00	
S. H. Bullard,	30 00	
Wm. Gaffney,	25 00	88 00

AUDITOR.

Paid Auditor for services,	15 00
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SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Overseers of Poor,	592 71
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SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid School Committee for support of schools,	1940 90
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STREET LAMPS,

Paid C. S. Clifford,	25 00	
Myron Butterfield,	22 76	47 76

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid W. A. Nye, Highways,	988 88	
Opening Roads,	25 15	
Repairs on Bridges,	135 79	1149 82

STATE AID.

Paid Eliza Caldwell,	48 00	
H. M. Green,	36 00	
Owen Carroll,	15 00	
Myron Kennen,	60 00	
S. A. Reed,	48 00	
John E. Stone,	32 00	239 00

REPAIRS ON MEMORIAL HALL.

Paid Waldo Brothers, cement and lime,	57 78	
chimney pipe,	7 02	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight,	11 92	
Boston & Albany R. R., freight,	33	
Parmenter Mfg. Co., brick,	15 00	
M. M. Butterfield, carting brick,	13 50	
A. J. Holden, furnace,	94 55	
Gough & Co., chimney top,	8 00	
D. M. Parker, lumber,	52 00	
Ware Lumber Co., lumber,	20 76	
E. Mullett, carting sand,	27 80	
H. A. Crawford, carting sand,	6 25	
C. Paquin, irons for chimney and hall,	2 56	
Richard Dunbar, mason work,	14 63	
J. Shores, mason work,	15 00	
L. S. Green, labor,	21 76	
F. E. Reed, labor,	5 60	
B. P. Woodis, labor,	13 73	
E. Green, labor,	5 30	
H. E. Caldwell, labor,	25 50	
R. F. Parker, labor and supplies,	79 13	
A. F. Hapgood, labor,	5 25	
C. S. Clifford, labor,	2 00	
W. C. Ayres, labor and paint stock,	119 93	
W. C. Ayres, paper,	52 70	
Jason Allen, supplies and labor,	74 26	
Jones, McDuffy & Stratton, hall lamps,	14 09	
N. W. Packard, supplies,	3 92	
C. H. Parker & Son, telephoning, nails and lock,	4 53	775 80

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid I. W. Mullett, printing town reports,	20	25	
printing ballots,	11	75	
printing valuation,	15	00	
C. A. Gleason, ringing church bell,	35	00	
care Memorial Hall,	10	00	
A. J. Holden, repairs on furnace,	1	25	
Wm. S. Crawford, discount on taxes,	164	52	
Memorial Day,	19	50	
L. N. Haskell, wood for hall,	20	00	
Public Library,	50	00	
L. P. DeLand, insurance,	17	50	
H. P. Draper, services as Sheriff,	7	00	
Muliken & Wheeler, binding town records,	9	00	
James Packard, services as sexton,	18	00	
Repairs on hearse and hearse house,	2	00	
Return of deaths,	2	75	
Abatement of taxes,	17	81	
BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.			
E. Mullett,	2	00	
Geo. Temple,	2	00	
C. P. Hill,	4	00	
Geo. Stone,	2	00	
C. Paquin,	2	00	
H. S. Harwood,	2	00	435 33
Total,			5507 11

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Town Officers,	\$325	79	
Support of Paupers,	592	71	
Schools,	1940	90	
Street Lights,	47	76	
Highways,	988	88	
Bridges,	135	79	
Opening Roads,	25	15	
State Aid,	239	00	
Repairs on Hall,	775	80	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	435	33	5507 11

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE H. PARKER,	}	Selectmen of Oakham.
DAVID R. DEAN,		
HENRY P. AUSTIN,		

LIST OF JURORS, AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN:

E. L. Parker, O. D. Tottingham, Wm. S. Crawford,
 Wm. S. Spear, James Sheern, Geo. W. Stone, S. H. Bullard,
 W. C. Bliss, Henry D. Bullard, Elbridge Mullett, G. M. Dean.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JESSE ALLEN, Treasurer.

In account with the Town of Oakham.

DR.

1896.

To Cash Balance,	\$941 30	
“ from M. C. Needham & Co.,		
$\frac{3}{4}$ license money,	975 00	
“ From Henry Bullard, ashes,	2 25	
“ “ Use of Town Hall,	29 00	
“ “ School Supplies,	4 02	
“ “ Wm. C. Ayres, lumber,	5 00	
“ “ Sale of Charles Winslow's		
land, (for taxes,)	52	
“ “ High School tuition refunded,	101 46	
“ “ Fines returned,	13 40	
“ “ Corporation Tax,	6 99	
“ “ National Bank Tax,	1 55	
“ “ State Aid Refunded,	172 00	
“ “ Mass. School Fund,	458 38	
“ “ Dog Fund,	171 76	
“ “ Interest on Bank Deposits,	11 12	
“ “ Wm, S. Crawford, Collector,		
taxes,	4102 71	
“ “ Wm. S. Crawford, Collector,		
Interest on Taxes, (1894)	8 89	
“ “ Wm. S. Crawford, Collector,		
Interest on Taxes, (1895)	40 99	7046 34

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By paying Selectmen's Orders,	5507 11	
Cash on hand,	1539 23	7046 34

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN, Treasurer.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

DR.

Taxes committed for Collection, 1896:

State Tax,	\$245 00	
County Tax,	408 00	
Town Tax,	4491 87	
Uncollected Taxes of 1894,	49 18	
" " " 1895,	1457 05	
Interest on Taxes.	49 88	6700 98

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Paid State Tax,	245 00	
County Tax,	408 00	
Treasurer's Receipts,	4152 59	
Uncollected Taxes, 1895,	290 52	
" " 1896,	1604 87	6700 98

Respectfully submitted,

WM S. CRAWFORD, Collector.

Report of the Superintendent of Streets.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1897.

FOR REPAIRING HIGHWAY.

Paid W. A. Nye,	\$352 82	
Edwin Green,	121 81	
L. P. Green,	116 65	
Henry Fobes,	77 01	
S. F. Woodis,	93 20	
A. B. Spooner,	102 00	
D. M. Parker,	94 53	
H. D. Bullard,	4 78	
Albert Hapgood,	3 50	
Sidney Dean,	1 75	
C. H. Parker,	4 88	
Repairs on scraper, etc.,	15 85	988 88

REPAIRS ON BRIDGES.

Paid W. A. Nye,	\$35 10	
Edwin Green,	17 28	
A. B. Spooner,	7 24	
D. M. Parker,	15 85	
S. H. Bullard,	31 35	
C. M. Maynard,	5 00	
C. B. Caldwell,	3 33	
D. R. Dean,	14 76	
Newton J. Green,	1 40	
Louis Urquhart,	3 08	
L. P. Green,	1 40	135 79

OPENING ROADS.

Paid M. M. Butterfield,	\$3 74	
John P. Gaffney,	1 56	
Elbridge Mullett,	53	
Patrick White,	1 23	
S. J. Foster,	88	
Justin E. Rawson,	1 22	
L. S. Green,	26	
Clifford Knight,	50	

Paid L. W. Knight,	70	
Edwin Green,	1 22	
John Keep,	1 75	
G. W. Stone,	1 49	
Wm. Gaffney,	1 00	
W. A. Nye,	2 96	
Newton J. Green,	1 57	
John Gaffney,	4 54	25 15

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. NYE, Street Superintendent.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

Paid Poor Farm Association,	\$280 00
For support of Almira Woodis,	52 00
“ “ Mrs. Charles Burt,	52 00
“ “ Lydia Chamberlain,	12 25
“ “ Earl Thresher,	85 55
“ “ Family of Mrs. L. M. Lloyd,	22 26
“ Burial of Ambrose P. Hall,	14 00
“ Keeping 104 tramps,	26 00
Jesse Allen, 13 trips to Holden,	33 00
Jesse Allen, general service,	5 00
James Packard, general service,	5 00
Henry P. Austin, general service,	5 00
Postage, stationery and telephoning,	65
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	\$592 71

PERSONS AND FAMILIES AIDED BY THE TOWN:

Miss Eunice Walker,	Aged	71
Miss Almira Woodis,	“	67
Miss Lydia Chamberlain,	“	52
Mrs. Charles Burt,	“	85
Mrs. Lavina B. Field,	“	72
Family of Louisa M. Lloyd.		
Family of George E. Thresher.		

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,	} Overseers	
JAMES PACKARD,		of the
HENRY P. AUSTIN,		Poor.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

HOLDEN POOR FARM ASSOCIATION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1897.

Respectfully submitted by the board of management:

INMATES RECEIVING SUPPORT:

Name.	Age.	Settlement.	Began.	Period of Support.	No. Days.
Martha Parker,	58,	Holden,	April 1, 1890.	Continues.	366
Lizzie Kenney,	40,	"	"	"	366
Nahum S. Newton,	66,	"	Dec. 24, 1891.	"	366
Peter King,	79,	"	Apr. 26, 1893.	Died Jan. 27.	362
Mabel Conors,	42,	"	Apr. 16, 1896.	Continues.	291
					1751
David Rice,	77,	Hubbardston,	Apr. 1, 1891.	Continues.	366
Nancy Boynton,	58,	"	Apr. 1, 1890.	"	366
John Wilson,	61	"	Dec. 27, 1895.	Dis. Mar. 21.	
					Returned Sept. 22. Con. 180
Albert Wheeler,	73,	"	Mar. 20, 1896.	Continues.	317
Moses Clark,	18,	"	May 26, 1891.	Dis. May 4.	
					Ret. Aug. 4. Died Aug. 10. 100
Joseph Granger,	80,	"	Jan. 23, 1896.	Dis. Sept. 2.	215
Henry Clark,	17,	"	Dec. 16, 1895.	Dis. Sept. 11.	224
Mary W. Whitney,	17,	"	Dec. 18, 1894.	ran away Apr 2.	62
Minnie Whitney,	2,	"	Dec. 18, 1894.	Dis. Feb. 19.	9
					1839
Eunice Walker,	71,	Oakham,	Apr. 1, 1892.	Continues.	366
Lavina B. Field,	72,	"	Oct. 31, 1894.	"	366

Carrie Snow, 42, Paxton,	Apr. 10, 1896.	Continues.	285
William Newton, 74, "	June 6, 1896.	Died June 10.	4

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Elijah C. Foster, 88, Phillipston,	Apr. 30, 1896.	Continues.	277
Charles Dunton, 82, "	Apr. 30, 1896.	"	277

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Rosa Roen, 53, Rutland,	July 22, 1893.	Dis. Apr. 7.	67
Elizabeth Demond, 76, "	May 6, 1895.	Continues.	366
Austin Preston, 55, "	May 6, 1895.	Died Dec. 26.	330
John Kelley, 36, "	Jan. 16, 1896.	Dis. June 22.	143
Louisa B. Clark, 44, "	Nov. 19, 1895.	Dis. Mar. 22.	22

928

Adeline Eager, 56, Westminster.	Apr. 1, 1892.	Continues.	366
Margaret Cronin, 52, "	Apr. 1, 1892.	"	366
Sarah Blake, 58, "	Aug. 10, 1896.	"	166
Louisa Carter, 65, "	Aug. 22, 1895.	Dis. Aug. 20.	202
Susan Derby, 80, "	Dec. 6, 1896.	Died Jan. 4.	31

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Whole number of inmates, 30. Died, 5.
 Left the institution, 8. Remaining, 17.
 Total days board furnished, 7224 or 1032 weeks.
 Average weekly number, 19 11-13.

Handel Winship of Westminster is still a boarder and Miss Lois Brown continues to serve as nurse for her sister Mrs. Elizabeth Demond of Rutland.

RECEIPTS.

For milk sold,	\$1040 18	
Poultry and eggs,	47 05	
Pork and veal,	24 95	
Dinners,	9 00	
Wagon,	6 00	
Sundries,	3 31	
Cash,	19 17	
Mr. Winship's board,	208 00	1357 66

EXPENSES.

Warden's and Matron's Salary,	\$562 52	
Outside labor,	92 07	
Inside labor,	156 62	
Meat and fish,	202 46	
Grain,	500 83	
Flour and Groceries,	446 78	
Bread,	143 18	
Dry Goods,	165 65	
Stock,	217 00	
Medicine,	27 45	
Medical attendance,	104 40	
Painting house,	138 18	
Boots and shoes,	21 18	
Sundries,	354 73	
Fertilizer,	74 00	
Wood,	35 00	
Rent,	200 00	
Interest on Personal Property,	120 99	
	<hr/>	\$3563 04
Deducting receipts,		1357 66
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Balance being net expense,		\$2205 38

Cost per week for each inmate, \$2.138.

THE EXPENSE TO EACH TOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

Holden,	\$534 81	
Hubbardston,	561 68	
Oakham,	222 66	
Paxton.	88 27	
Phillipston,	169 21	
Rutland,	283 31	
Westminister,	345 44	
	<hr/>	\$2205 38

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES THE ANNUAL CONDITION SINCE ORGANIZATION OF THE ASSOCIATION:

	Number of Inmates.	Weekly Average.	Total No. Weeks.	Cost per Week.
First year,	12	7.7-26	377.5-7	\$2.875
Second year,	16	11.7-26	586	2.243 plus
Third year,	26	21.25-26	1142	1.959 plus
*Fourth year,	30	22.37-306	967	2.232

* 10 months.

Fifth year,	30	18.89	982.2-7	2.545
Sixth year,	36	18.12-13	984	2.30
Seventh year,	30	19.11-13	1032	2.138

It will be noticed that Phillipston has united with the association. We have been fortunate in securing the services of an efficient warden and matron Mr. and Mrs. Aaron L. Potter, under whose direction the inmates have been well cared for, and the affairs of the institution conducted in a business like manner. Good health was generally enjoyed up to the last of December when an epidemic form of the la grippe attacked the institution, from the effects of which three persons advanced in years and broken in health succumbed. The other two deaths were persons who were brought to the farm sick, and survived their coming but a few days. The house has been repainted and a silo constructed in the barn, though not of sufficient capacity to contain all of the very large crop of forage which was raised the last season. The number of cows has been increased to fourteen, thereby increasing the receipts for milk.

For the fourth time the hearts of the inmates were gladdened by receiving a bountiful Christmas dinner through the kindness of Hon. F. S. Coolidge of Fitchburg.

HOBART RAYMOND, WESTMINSTER, President,
 JESSE ALLEN, OAKHAM, Secretary,
 F. S. HOLT, HOLDEN, Treasurer,
 JOHN ADAMS, HUBBARDSTON,
 H. H. PIKE, PAXTON,
 D. WEBSTER BAKER, PHILLIPSTON,
 H. A. KENNEN, RUTLAND,

Board of Management.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Whole number of books March 1, 1896,	784
Additions during the year,	88
Present number of books,	872

Increasing interest is shown, from year to year, by our citizens, and friends of the town; in the welfare and prosperity of our Library. The number of those taking out books is larger than in any previous year.

An arrangement has been made, which gives excellent satisfaction, with Coldbrook Village, by which they enjoy a weekly exchange of books.

The Schools of the town, under the supervision of the teachers, are allowed free access to the same, for information desired, a privilege greatly enjoyed, especially by the Centre Grammar School.

A large addition has been made, within the year, to the Library by books purchased, also from valuable gifts from friends of the town.

“Travelling Libraries,” so called, comprising 25 or more volumes each, of very useful and expensive books, have been loaned to the town, for a period of six months each, within the past year, by an organization known as the “Woman’s Education Association of Mass.,” the object of which is to aid the smaller towns of the State. An excellent plan, and, we believe, destined to accomplish great good.

Largest number of books taken out in one day, 54.
Number of books taken out during year, 1637.
Number of persons taking out books, 142.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR.

Balance on hand,	\$32 34
Annual Appropriation,	50 00
Fines and sale of catalogues,	4 56
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	\$86 90

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Paid for care of Library,	\$25 00
Paid for purchase of books,	32 00
Paid for Catalogues,	3 00
Paid for step-ladder,	75
Paid for exchange of books, (Coldbrook,)	9 50
Paid for express,	77
To balance on hand,	15 88
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	\$86 90

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN, }
M. L. WOODIS, } Trustees.
F. E. DAVIS, }

SCHOOL REPORT.

The schools of the town have enjoyed a year of unusual prosperity. Our teachers have worked earnestly and successfully, good health has prevailed, the attendance has been excellent, and the scholars have advanced well in their studies.

Eight of our youth have attended High Schools in other towns or cities of the State, their tuition being paid by the town, and refunded from the State.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR.

To amount of appropriation, including transportation,	\$1200 00
“ For repairing school-houses,	50 00
Received State School Fund,	458 38
“ Dog tax refunded,	171 76
“ Cash from school supplies,	4 02
“ From State, High School tuition refunded,	101 46
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	\$1985 62

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By expenses of the several schools, as follows:

CENTRE SCHOOL.—GRAMMAR.

Amount paid Mrs. Olive N. Richardson, spring term,	\$80 00
“ “ Miss Mary E. Emory, } fall term,	30 00
“ “ Miss A. L. Fuller, } fall term,	78 00
“ “ “ “ “ winter term,	121 00
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	\$309 00

CENTRE SCHOOL.—PRIMARY.

Amount paid Miss F. I. Sargeant, spring term,	\$70 00
“ “ “ “ “ fall term,	70 00
“ “ “ “ “ winter term,	70 00
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	\$210 00
Fuel,	44 00
Care of furnace and school-rooms,	26 55
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Total expense of Centre Schools,	\$589 55

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Alice R. Walker, spring term,	\$90 00
“ “ “ Florence E. Bothwell, fall term,	80 00
“ “ “ “ “ winter term,	80 00
Fuel,	26 25
Care of house,	9 00
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	\$285 25

WEST SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Minnie G. Dean, spring term,	\$65 00
“ “ “ J. H. O. Lovell, fall term,	65 00
“ “ “ “ “ winter term,	70 00
Fuel,	15 00
Care of house,	8 00
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	\$223 00

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss J. H. O. Lovell, spring term,	\$65 00
“ “ “ Minnie G. Dean, fall term,	58 50
“ “ “ “ “ winter term,	71 50
Care of house,	9 00
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	\$204 00

Paid Town of Barre, High School tuition,	60 00
“ “ North Brookfield, High School tuition,	10 00
City of Boston, High School tuition,	82 72
For transportation of scholars,	86 10
“ Repairs on school houses,	50 53
“ Supervision, Jesse Allen,	48 00
“ “ Minnie L. Woodis,	28 00
“ “ H. W. Lincoln,	33 00
“ School Supplies,	240 75
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Total expense of schools,	\$1940 90

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Value on hand March 1, 1897,	\$153 52
“ “ “ March 1, 1896,	137 12

The attendance in the several schools has been as follows,

CENTRE SCHOOL.—GRAMMAR.

Spring Term, whole number,	27	Average attendance,	25
Fall " " "	35	" "	32
Winter " " "	31	" "	29

CENTRE SCHOOL.—PRIMARY.

Spring Term, whole number,	34	Average attendance,	32
Fall " " "	25	" "	24
Winter " " "	21	" "	19

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Spring Term, whole number,	21	Average attendance,	19
Fall " " "	20	" "	17
Winter " " "	22	" "	19

WEST SCHOOL.

Spring Term, whole number,	11	Average attendance,	9
Fall " " "	11	" "	10
Winter " " "	9	" "	8

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Spring Term, whole number,	15	Average attendance,	13
Fall " " "	15	" "	13
Winter " " "	15	" "	12

ATTENDANCE IN ALL THE SCHOOLS.

Spring Term, whole number,	108	Average attendance,	98
Fall " " "	106	" "	96
Winter " " "	98	" "	87

Number of scholars enrolled in all our schools, 122.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy:

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

THREE TERMS.—Alice Allen, James Allen, Clement Ayres, David Robinson, Eva Allen, Irna Clifford, LeRoy Burt, Robert Briggs, Warren Dean.

TWO TERMS.—Stella Wyman, Edith Clifford, Walter Clifford, A. Wayne Marsh, Edna Marsh, Alice Loring, Mildred Burt, Maynard Swindell, Ernest Reed, Sylvester Dean, Eva Grimes, Henry Grimes.

ONE TERM.—Ruth Briggs, Minnie Kennen, Effie Bartlett, Alma Russell, Carrie Ware, Althea Russell, Eva Stone, Owen Gilboy, Joseph Gilboy, Herbert Hapgood, Florinda Lincoln, Edward Crawford, Arthur Gould, Clifford Knight, Mary Ware, Joseph Swindell, Harry Collier, Ira Stone, Kimball Packard, Mabel Conant, Mary McGrevey, Jane McGrevey, Mabel Swindell, Clarence Grimes.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS.—John Dwelly, Alice Dwelly, Robert Dwelly, Lucy Roper.

TWO TERMS.—Nellie Gueley, Cora Roper, Henry Roper, Flora Gueley.

ONE TERM.—Arthur Saunders, Leroy Saunders, Earl Thresher.

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS.—Nattie Butterfield, Esther Clark.

TWO TERMS.—Iola Bemis, Blanche Caldwell, Maud Caldwell, Morton Butterfield, Kimball Clark, Evander Green, Paul Needham, Edward Bliss.

ONE TERM.—Ethel Naramore, Verlie Parker, Fannie Maynard, Winnie Parker, Fannie Needham, William Tangley, James Bemis.

WEST SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS.—Alice Bullard, Milton Bullard, Eddie Bullard.

TWO TERMS.—Minnie Bullard, Mary O'Donnell.

ONE TERM.—Josephine Chagnon, Katie King, Kittie O'Donnell, Sadie McClenathan, Walter McClenathan.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,	} School Committee
M. L. WOODIS,	
HORACE W. LINCOLN,	

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all original bills and vouchers on which moneys have been paid from the treasury for the year ending March 1st, 1897. Have also examined the books of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Superintendent of Streets, Library Trustees, and Collector of Taxes, and have found them to be correct.

F. S. CONANT, Auditor.

Births, Marriages and Deaths in Oakham in 1896.

BIRTHS.

July 10.....Daughter to Winthrop Boyd.
July 15.....Son to Patrick Moran.
Sept. 10.....Daughter to Wm. H. Parkman.
Sept. 16.....Son to James C. Woodis.

MARRIAGES.

Feb. 26.....James C. Woodis to Mary A. Murdock.
Dec. 12.....George A. Davidson to Edna J. Bemis.

DEATHS.

	YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
Feb. 7.....Arthur L. Loring,	49	5	0
Mar. 17.....Mrs. Almira Adams,	77	9	0
Mar. 30.....John B. Best,	56		
Apr. 19.....Mrs. Nancy Felch,	95	9	4
May 12.....Page Austin,	81	10	17
June 30.....Horace W. Woodis,	67	9	15
July 27.....George Allen,	71		
Aug. 20.....Mrs. Patrick Cummings,	50		
Sept. 29.....Ambrose P. Hall,	67	1	1
Sept. 30.....Hiram Marsh,	49	7	8
Nov. 19.....Mrs. Lovisa Marsh,	68	10	21

BURIED IN TOWN.

Jan. 2.....Albert W. Lincoln,	62	7	
Jan. 18.....Benjamin Upton,	74	11	2
May 14.....Mary C. French,	86	0	9
July 16.....Charles L. Prince,		9	19
Aug. 10.....Mrs. Abigail W. Maynard,	86	4	18
Sept. 21.....Mrs. Delotia W. Dean,	84	6	7
Nov. 11.....Edwin B. Johnson,	65	10	19

JESSE ALLEN, TOWN CLERK.

